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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6, 8-16 and 18-20 are pending. The Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-20. Claims 7 and 17 have been cancelled. A Request for Continued Exam is included herewith. It is respectfully submitted that upon entry of the instant amendment, the application is in condition for allowance.


CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 7 and 17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Iwamatsu, U.S. patent no. 6,487,261 ("Iwamatsu"), in view of Sotome, et al., U.S. patent no. 5,761,216 ("Sotome"). Claims 7 and 17 have been cancelled. Accordingly this rejection is obviated.

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